

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 678

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Billy Hall upon being named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Offensive Player of the Game.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly recognize those superior athletes who, because of their determination, preparedness, and talent, have been honored for their outstanding abilities in the athletic arena; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary sportsman is Billy Hall of Scott County, who was recently named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) Offensive Player of the Game for the National Semi-Final football game; and

WHEREAS, a freshman at Reinhardt University in Waleska, Georgia, and Mr. Hall plays quarterback for the University's football team, the Eagles; and

WHEREAS, Billy Hall was named the Offensive Player of the Game during the NAIA's National Semi-Finals on December 2, 2017, when the Reinhardt Eagles met the Southern Oregon University Raiders; and

WHEREAS, in the first start of his collegiate career, Mr. Hall threw for 202 yards and two touchdowns, and he added 44 yards and another score on the ground, helping pave the way for the Eagles' victory, by a final score of 37-34; and

WHEREAS, this victory sent the Reinhardt Eagles to the NAIA National Championship game for the first time in school history. Though the team fell short of the national title, the Eagles came away with an overall outstanding season of 12-1; and

WHEREAS, Billy Hall's accomplishments both on and off the gridiron are a testament not only to the success of Reinhardt University's athletic program but also to Mr. Hall's determination, preparedness, and talent; and

WHEREAS, his achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his family, his team, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Hall for his outstanding performance as a member of the Reinhardt Eagles football team; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and commend Billy Hall upon being named the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics Offensive Player of the Game in the National Semi-Finals and extend to him our best wishes for his every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.